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Class-Action Lawsuit Filed Over Flint Water Crisis

By Megan Duzor, VOA 03/07/16 7:04 PM

Residents of the northern U.S. city of Flint, Michigan, have filed a class-action lawsuit against the state's governor and others alleging gross negligence for causing the city's drinking water to become contaminated with lead. The group of seven residents filed the lawsuit Monday in federal court seeking damages for thousands of Flint residents who suffered physical or economic injuries. The suit names Michigan Governor Rick Snyder and other current and former government officials, as well as corporations, for their role in the water crisis.

Families accuse officials of negligence in latest lawsuit on Flint water crisis

By CNN for FOX 6 Now 03/07/16 6:25 PM

Another lawsuit has been filed in the Flint water crisis, this one by seven families that accuse city and state officials of downplaying the situation while residents suffered. The lawsuit, filed Monday, is the latest in a series of such claims filed over the discovery of high lead levels in the city's water supply. The class-action suit is "on behalf of the tens of thousands of Flint residents" against the city of Flint, the state of Michigan, Gov. Rick Snyder and several other officials for allegedly violating the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Another lawsuit filed because of Flint water crisis, this time on behalf of 7 families with kids

By Lindsey Smith, Michigan Radio 03/07/16 5:00 PM

Another class action lawsuit was filed today in connection to the Flint water crisis. This is at least the fifth lawsuit filed in federal court because of high levels of lead in Flint's drinking water. This lawsuit was filed on behalf of seven Flint families, each with young children who have elevated levels of lead in their blood. NBC News profiled one of the families yesterday.

New class-action lawsuit filed over Flint water crisis

By Roberto Acosta, MLIVE 03/07/16 4:42 PM

A new class-action lawsuit filed Monday, March 7 over the city's water crisis is seeking damages for those injured from exposure to the introduction of lead and other substances. The lawsuit on behalf of seven families states several children have been exposed to "damaging levels" of lead and seeks relief for physical and psychological injuries, learning and other permanent disabilities, weight loss, stunted growth, as well as emotional distress and loss of income.

Lawsuit over Flint, Michigan, crisis says 17 children have high lead levels

By David Bailey, Reuters 03/07/16 4:53 PM

A group of Flint, Michigan, parents and their children filed a class action on Monday alleging that gross negligence by Michigan Governor Rick Snyder and others caused the city's drinking water to become contaminated with lead. The lawsuit was filed in Detroit federal court and seeks damages for a proposed class of "tens of thousands" of Flint residents and property owners who have suffered physical or economic injuries. The named plaintiffs are seven residents and their 17 children who lawyers say have heightened lead levels.

Families Seek Class-Action Status In Federal Lawsuit Over Flint's Water

By Bill Chappell, NPR 03/07/16 3:44 PM

Attorneys representing seven families who've been affected by lead-poisoned water in Flint, Mich., filed a lawsuit Monday that cites federal environmental laws and seeks class-action status for what they call wide-reaching negligence. Attorney Hunter Shkolnik says the court papers were filed Monday morning, and that the suit eventually could include the estimated 8,000 young people who may have been exposed to lead-tinged water in Flint. The suit cites the Safe Drinking Water Act and other federal laws, Shkolnik says.

Class action suit filed by residents over Flint water crisis

By AP 03/07/16 3:22 PM

A lawsuit stemming from Flint's lead-contaminated water was filed Monday on behalf of the city's residents against Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder as well as other current and former government officials and corporations. The federal lawsuit — which is seeking class-action status — alleges that tens of thousands of residents have suffered physical and economic injuries and damages. It argues officials failed to take action over "dangerous levels of lead" in drinking water and "downplayed the severity of the contamination" in the financially struggling city. Snyder's spokesman Ari Adler said the administration doesn't comment on pending litigation, but is "staying focused on solutions for the people of Flint."

Families accuse officials of negligence in latest lawsuit on Flint water crisis

By Michael Pearson & Afeef Nessel, CNN 03/07/16 1:47 PM

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Clinton won't 'over-promise,' Sanders won't over-compromise, candidates say in Detroit town

hall

By Khalil AlHajal, MLIVE 03/07/16 9:36 PM

Democratic presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders sought to accentuate the differences between the two Monday night, with the Vermont senator continuing to illustrate a bold, unwavering approach to public policy, and the former Secretary of State laying out a more compromise style aimed at results. The two spoke separately to a Detroit crowd at the Gem Theatre in a town hall Monday night, a day after debating in Flint.

HOW WILL FLINT BE FORGOTTEN?

By Jamil Smith, MTV News 03/07/16 6:14 PM

That desperate need for concrete steps is why it felt odd to see the Flint portion of the debate, after Wade's question, turn to the fantastical. A resident asked the candidates to make a politically impossible promise: Within her or his first 100 days in office, "make it a requirement that all public water systems must remove all lead service lines throughout the entire United States," as well as notify every resident of which lines are hazardous.

Bernie Sanders has a point: Water in Flint much more expensive than in Burlington

By Joshua Gillin, Politifact 03/07/16 5:07 PM [video clip]

Sen. Bernie Sanders said during a Democratic presidential debate in Flint, Mich., that government officials have added insult to injury by charging citizens astronomical utility rates for lead-tainted water. "What is absolutely incredible to me is that water rates have soared in Flint," Sanders said on March 6, 2016. "You are paying three times more for poison water than I am paying in Burlington, Vt., for clean water."

The circus has left town, but Flint and its problems are still here

By Bryn Mickle, MLIVE 03/07/16 4:05 PM

Take a bow, Flint, you did yourself proud. For two hours Sunday night, the eyes of millions were on Flint as Democratic presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders squared off to debate in the city. And, as it always does, Flint showed the world what perception isn't always reality.

5 Environmental Justice Takeaways From Last Night's Debate in Flint

By Rick Herron, Sojourners 03/07/16 3:22 PM

Pressure is intensifying for new proposals and major solutions in Flint and across the country:

The Democratic candidates upped the ante significantly for solutions for Flint: As of last night, both have called for Gov. Rick Snyder to resign, and have reiterated that any EPA officials who knew about the crisis in Flint and did not take appropriate action should be fired as well. Sen. Bernie Sanders called for the CDC to test every person in Flint for lead exposure. He also seemed to call for a sort of reparations for the fact that Flint's water bills have been so astronomically high even as the citizens were drinking poisoned water. Meanwhile, Secretary Hillary Clinton broadened the scope and drastically accelerated the timeline for dealing with the environmental hazard posed by lead.

Hillary Clinton: Cleveland has higher rates of lead poisoning than Flint

By Linda Qiu, PolitiFact 03/07/16 2:32 PM

The Democratic debate in Flint, Mich., opened with a discussion of the city's lead poisoning crisis, and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said Flint isn't the only place where serious action is needed. "We have a lot of communities right now in our country where the level of toxins in the water, including lead, are way above what anybody should tolerate," Clinton said. "We have a higher rate of tested lead in people in Cleveland than in Flint. So I'm not satisfied with just doing everything we must do for Flint. I want to tackle this problem across the board."

Clinton and Sanders Demand Gov. Snyder Resign Over Flint's Water Crisis

By Eric Pianin, The Fiscal Times 03/07/16

The political battle over the drinking water crisis in Flint, Mich., was fully joined Sunday night when Democratic presidential front runner Hillary Rodham Clinton sided with rival Sen. Bernie Sanders in demanding the resignation of Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, a Republican who has repeatedly apologized for the lead poisoning of the city's water system but refuses to step down. Snyder claims he was unaware of the water problems in Flint until mid-January of 2016. But emails revealed that an aide to Snyder learned in May about that 10 people had died of legionnaires disease tied to Flint's water supply. Whether Snyder knew then about the situation or not, he didn't make the outbreak public until last January.

Flint Sees the National Political Spotlight Two Years After Its Water Was Poisoned

By Kayla Ruble, VICE News 03/07/16 1:50 PM

Specifically, Edwards talked about the resiliency of the city and the attention it would get over the next few days, as Clinton and Sanders debated just before Michigan's Democratic and Republican presidential primaries on Tuesday. "This city was going down, and the people in charge wasn't caring," he said. "As Flint enters the spotlight tonight, we hope they show there's hope for the city and that Flint is on the rise."

Hillary Clinton's Lead Pipe Answer 'Made Me Vomit In My Mouth,' Flint Questioner Says

By Arthur Delaney, Huffington Post 03/07/16 1:39 PM

Flint resident Lee-Anne Walters didn't like Bernie Sanders' response to her question about lead pipes during Sunday night's Democratic presidential debate in Flint. But she really didn't like Hillary Clinton's response. Walters, an early whistleblower in the Flint water crisis, had asked whether as president, Clinton and the Vermont senator would promise to require public water systems in the United States to remove lead pipes.

Democrats Clinton and Sanders clash in presidential debate in Flint

By Steve Carmody, Michigan Radio 03/07/16 12:00 AM

Democratic presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders didn't agree on much during Sunday's debate in Flint. But both want Republican Governor Rick Snyder to resign for his administration's handling of the Flint water crisis. "His dereliction of duty was irresponsible. He should resign," Sen. Sanders (D-VT) said from the stage at the Whiting auditorium. A statement which drew applause from the partisan audience.

No arrests, no injuries during Democratic debate protests

By Molly Young, MLIVE 03/07/16 3:01 PM

A line of about half a dozen Flint police officers stood face-to-face with a mass of protesters who were yelling and chanting on East Kearsley Street outside the Whiting Auditorium Sunday night, Feb. 6. Still, protests remained peaceful and no arrests were made and no one was injured during the Democratic presidential debate, Flint police say.

Fact checking Clinton's, Sanders' claims about Flint water crisis

By Detroit Free Press 03/07/16 [video clip]

Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders took to the stage in Flint, Michigan for the 7th Democratic debate. The big issues included education reform, climate change, racism and, of course, Donald Trump. VPC

Truth Squad: Marco Rubio gets warning for saying Dems 'politicized' Flint water crisis

By Bridge Magazine for MLIVE 03/07/16 12:46 PM

The Republican presidential candidates put on an eye-popping show at the Fox Theatre in Detroit on Thursday. The two-hour battle offered the hostility of a WWE cage fight, egged on by cheers and jeers that rose from the crowd. The auto industry and other issues important to Michigan - the Flint water crisis, which has received international coverage, and the Detroit schools crisis - took up a smaller fraction near the end of the debate. But with the Michigan primary taking place Tuesday, it's on the Michigan-related section that Truth Squad will linger.

Flint debate: The grown-ups strike back

By Brian Dickerson, Detroit Free Press 03/07/16 9:22 AM

Their stage was scarcely 100 miles from the one on which their Republican presidential rivals had taken turns humiliating one another three days earlier. But Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders might as well have been on another planet. Their encounter in the last debate before tomorrow's Michigan presidential primary was almost everything voters could hope for, assuming they tuned in looking to learn something about the two Democrats aspiring to lead the free world.

Democratic Candidates In Michigan Focus On Flint's Water Crisis

By Tamara Keith, NPR 03/07/16 6:42 PM [radio clip]

Democrats Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders have campaigned heavily in Flint, Michigan, as the city has dealt with a water poisoning crisis. The state's primary is on Tuesday.

Flint Wins the Democratic Debate

By Yoni Appelbaum, The Atlantic 03/06/16

But Sunday night's debate was also a powerful reminder of the purposes of politics. It was held in a city already devastated by the loss of jobs, and now victim to catastrophic failures of governance at every level. As local residents stepped up to ask their own questions of the candidates, they spelled out the stakes of this election in deeply personal terms, grounding the debates over abstract principles in the questions with which their communities are struggling.

Read the Full Text of the Seventh Democratic Debate in Flint

By TIME staff 03/06/16 10:46 PM

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders met for their seventh debate Sunday. Hosted by CNN at the University of Michigan in Flint, the debate touched on the city's water crisis, gun control, education and other issues. The moderators were CNN anchors Anderson Cooper and Don Lemon.

Clinton Says She Would Investigate EPA Over Flint Water Crisis

By Emily Atkin, Think Progress 03/06/16 8:51 PM

During the CNN Democratic presidential debate in Flint, Michigan on Sunday night, Hillary Clinton said she would launch an investigation into the Environmental Protection Agency over its handling of the city's water crisis. Asked by debate moderator Anderson Cooper whether she would fire the head of the EPA over the agency's handling of Flint's lead-ridden drinking water, Clinton noted that EPA Region 5 Administrator Dr. Susan Hedman had already resigned, but said she would probe the agency further.

Sanders, Clinton take on Flint water crisis in Democratic debate

By Richard Wolf, USA Today 03/06/16 11:22 PM

Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders tangled over trade, guns, the auto industry and the water crisis in Flint, Mich., on Sunday in their seventh Democratic presidential debate. With Clinton seeking to put away the race for the party's nomination during the next few weeks, Sanders targeted her support for previous trade agreements, which he said "resulted in the shrinking of the American middle class." The attack in the heart of the industrial Midwest was intended to wrest Tuesday's upcoming primary away from Clinton, who had a 56%-31% lead in a Detroit

Free Press-WXYZ poll released late Saturday.

Few Flint water sites tested for lead actually have known lead pipes

By Gary Ridley, MLIVE 03/07/16 8:00 PM

Less than 6 percent of the test sites being used by the state to monitor the city's drinking water amid the lead crisis are serviced by known lead lines, according to data released by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. However, state officials said Monday, March 7, that the sentinel site program is designed to monitor the city's entire water distribution system and not focus solely on the lead service lines blamed for poisoning people.

Flint taking out a loan to pay to remove lead pipes

By Steve Carmody, Michigan Radio 03/07/16 8:00 AM

The city of Flint is getting a \$25 million loan to remove its lead pipes. Flint Mayor Karen Weaver says the Union Labor Life Insurance Company has agreed to the low cost loans. "Right now, we're waiting for money to come. So this is something to help us jump start that and get us going," says Weaver.

\$25M low-cost loan will aid Flint pipe removal

By Detroit News 03/07/16 12:19 AM

Flint Mayor Karen Weaver announced Sunday a \$25 million low-cost loan program to help remove residential lead pipes. Union Labor Life Insurance Co., a union-owned asset manager, said it would provide the low-cost loans in a joint project by the American Federation of Teachers and Union Labor Life Insurance. The program will help carry out Weaver's "fast-start" initiative to replace all lead service pipes in Flint homes following the city's contaminated water crisis. In a news release Sunday, the loan program was described as a bridge source until funding from the state and federal governments can be secured to upgrade Flint's water infrastructure.

Hero professor who helped Flint families now working with nonprofit to test anyone's water for lead

By Colby Itkowitz, Washington Post 03/07/16 8:30 AM

There are about 96 million Americans living in areas where lead pipes carry their tap water. And the government has not properly done its part to test the water for lead levels as mandated in a 25-year-old federal law. So until it does, a nonprofit is taking the problem into its own hands by helping people determine themselves whether their household water is lead contaminated. And it has Virginia Tech professor Marc Edwards, who helped uncover the lead crises in Washington, D.C., and Flint doing the testing.

Company pledges millions to Flint water crisis

By KRISTV NBC 6 03/07/16 6:11 AM [video clip]

A life insurance company is pledging \$25,000,000 in loans to help solve the water crisis in Flint, Michigan. Mayor Karen Weaver says the Union Labor Life Insurance Company will provide low-cost loans for replacing lead water pipes.

Lead's good for you? Why U.S. embraced toxin

By Matt Pearce, LA Times for Detroit Free Press 03/06/16 9:46 PM

After toxic lead from old pipes started poisoning the drinking water in Flint, residents were outraged. The same thing happened in Washington, D.C., more than a decade earlier. In both cities, poorly treated water corroded the kind of old lead pipes you can find across the nation. Meet Richard Rabin, an anti-lead advocate in Arlington, Mass., whose first response wasn't to blame the water regulators. "My first reaction was ... 'Why were there lead pipes in so many places to begin with?'"

Flint mayor declines to join calls by Clinton and Sanders for Snyder to resign

By Jiquanda Johnson, MLIVE 03/07/16 8:39 PM

A day after the two Democratic presidential hopefuls called for the resignation of Gov. Rick Snyder for his role in the Flint water crisis, the city's mayor declined to join those calls. "Mayor Weaver has said that Gov. Snyder must decide for himself whether he should resign," said Kristin Moore. "We're watching the emails being released just like everyone else. There is an investigation going on now on the local, state and federal levels and Mayor Weaver wants whoever is found at fault in the water crisis to be held accountable, if that includes the governor

so be it."

Panel approves 2nd Snyder recall petition over Flint

By Paul Egan, Detroit Free Press 03/07/16 6:53 PM

The Board of State Canvassers on Monday approved a second recall petition against Gov. Rick Snyder over the Flint drinking water crisis, but rejected as not clear and factual a recall petition against the state official who would replace Snyder in the event of a successful recall — Lt. Gov. Brian Calley. Both petitions were submitted by Flint activist Quincy Murphy, who did not attend Monday's meeting.

Flint water crisis: Michigan governor rejects Democrat criticism

By BBC 03/07/16 2:12 PM

Mr Snyder, a Republican, has rejected claims of inefficiency as thousands of people were left without safe tap water and at risk of lead poisoning. He has described the crisis as a "massive error of bureaucracy". Meanwhile, seven families have filed a lawsuit against authorities.

"I'm not resigning. I'm going to fix it," says Snyder amid growing calls to step down

By Jake Neher, Michigan Radio 03/07/16 1:00 PM

Governor Rick Snyder is holding firm to his vow to stay in office amid growing calls for his resignation. Both Democratic presidential candidates called for Snyder to resign during their debate in Flint. It was the first time former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said he should step down over Flint's water crisis. The governor says that's not going to happen.

Rick Snyder live-tweets his defense on Flint water crisis after Democratic candidates call for his resignation during debate

By Sophia Tesfaye, Salon 03/07/16 11:51 AM

During Sunday's Democratic presidential debate in Flint, Michigan, both candidates called on Republican Governor Rick Snyder to resign after his disastrous handling of the lead poisoning of the city's water supply line.

Other News

Mark Ruffalo urges President Obama to act on Flint water crisis

By Roberto Acosta, MLIVE 03/07/16 8:10 PM

After hearing stories from those in the community of losing children, rashes, and other complications Flint residents have tied to the city's water crisis, actor Mark Ruffalo took the podium at St. Michael's Catholic Church. "Mothers shouldn't be up here telling you that they're losing their hair and that blood is coming out of their ears," he told the assembled media during a press conference during a tour of the city to learn about the situation on the ground. "Mothers should be taking care of the children of the community."

Flint's other water crisis: Money

By Annie Snider, Politico 03/07/16 5:43 PM

Even before lead began pouring from the spigots in this hollowed-out former General Motors town, residents here had a big water problem: They couldn't afford it. In a city where 40 percent of the residents live in poverty, and where utility rates are among the highest in the country, water and sewer bills create an ever-present burden for Flint's 99,000 residents. People borrow hefty sums to keep their service from being shut off, battle the city over inscrutable charges, and sometimes illegally turn the water back on themselves, fearing that Child Protective Services might remove children from a home without working taps and toilets.

Mark Ruffalo calls Flint's water crisis a 'national emergency' in recent visit

By Ryan Felton, The Guardian 03/07/16 3:58 PM

Local activists in Flint, Michigan, were joined on Monday by actor Mark Ruffalo and billionaire climate activist Tom Steyer to amplify calls for long-term solutions in addressing the city's water-contamination crisis. Less than 24 hours after the Democratic presidential candidates left Flint to continue campaigning ahead of Michigan's primary on Tuesday, the environmental advocates joined local organizers inside a downtown church to demand accountability and approval of a disaster declaration for the cash-strapped city, which would release additional resources.

Mobile food pantry available for all Flint families

By Susan Selasky, Detroit Free Press 03/07/16 3:55 PM

Eligible Flint families can get nutrient rich foods at several food distribution sites during March. The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan in Flint and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services in partnership with Flint churches have announced a schedule for mobile food pantry stops to distribute foods rich in calcium, vitamin C and iron to Flint Families. The mobile pantry program, which started in February, is funded by Gov. Rick Snyder's \$28 million supplemental budget request that was approved in January. There is \$1,037,000 in state funding for the program and anyone who lives in the city of Flint is eligible according to Bob Wheaton, Department of Health and Human Services spokesman.

Flint dermatologists volunteer to help diagnose rashes

By Kristen Jordan Shamus, Detroit Free Press 03/07/16 1:06 PM

Four Flint dermatologists are now working with state and federal authorities to investigate complaints of rashes among residents who've been exposed to the municipal water system. So far, at least 70 people with rashes have been through the initial screenings and will be seen by one of the four doctors who volunteered to help relief efforts in the wake of the Flint water crisis, said Dr. Walter Barkey, a dermatologist in the city since 1983.

Flint's Water Crisis and the Unique Role of the Reporter Who Helped Uncover It

By Cynthia Gordy, ProPublica Podcast 03/07/16 11:44 AM [podcast]

With the last Republican and Democratic debates both held in Michigan (Detroit and Flint, respectively), the Flint water crisis continues to command the national stage. But long before the public health emergency became a presidential campaign issue, Curt Guyette, an investigative journalist for the ACLU of Michigan, was one of the first people to help prove that the city's drinking water was poisoned. Hired by the Michigan ACLU in 2013 with a grant from the Ford Foundation, Guyette initially set out to investigate and write about the state's emergency management law, which allows the governor to appoint emergency managers to run cities and counties in severe financial distress.

Flint family uses 151 bottles of water per day

By Christina Zdanowicz, CNN 03/07/16 11:06 AM [video clip]

An "arsenal" of cases of fresh water stacked in the basement and a graveyard of scattered empty bottles are daily reminders that life in Flint, Michigan, is anything but normal. For Gina Luster, 41, seeing the stacks of bottles angers her. She says she feels like less than a good parent after

watching her daughter, 7, and niece, 13, suffer from hair loss and skin rashes. "It makes me feel like the lowest of the low. My self-esteem when it first began was so, so bad," Luster said on the verge of tears in her dining room.

Utah Republican Senator holding up money for Flint

By Steve Carmody, Michigan Radio 03/07/16 8:00 AM

Michigan U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow says she's hopeful that the U.S. Senate will soon take up a bill with tens of millions of dollars for Flint. The legislation has more than \$100 million earmarked for fixing Flint's water system and added health care for people exposed to lead in their tap water. But a Republican senator is holding up the bill. Utah Senator Mike Lee says the state of Michigan should first spend its own money to fix Flint's water issues, before the federal government should get involved.

Michael Moore rails against Democrats for Flint water crisis

By Jessica Chasmar, Washington Times 03/07/16

Liberal filmmaker and Michigan native Michael Moore railed against Democrats on Twitter Sunday night, saying they "remained silent" while the people of his native city of Flint were "poisoned" by the water supply. "Flint has voted for Dems for 84 straight yrs. What did it get us? For 18 months Dems remained silent & ignored pleas while Flint was poisoned," Mr. Moore tweeted to his 1.97 million followers.

Poll: Only half of Americans confident in tap water

By Emily Swanson, Detroit Free Press 03/07/16 6:43 AM

Only about half of Americans are very confident in the safety of their tap water, and a majority think lead contamination of the tap water in Flint, Michigan, indicates a more widespread problem, rather than an isolated problem. Lower-income Americans and those from minority groups are especially likely to worry about their water being contaminated, according to a new Associated Press-GfK poll.

Children of Flint: Inheriting anxiety, giving up hope

By Mallory Simon, Sara Signer, CNN 03/07/16 7:19 AM

Eight-year-old Nadia Baylor sits on the floor in her home in Flint, Michigan, playing with her toys, giggling and chattering -- until she talks about the water. "This water is poison," she says, without skipping a beat. "If I drink it, I going to die and I don't want to die. Nobody want to die." Nadia's mother and others across the city say they repeatedly, bluntly tell their children they can't drink the water -- they want to make sure they don't sneak a sip of lead-tainted water that flowed through their homes after government officials switched the supply to the highly corrosive Flint River.

Chelsea Clinton, Flint mayor announce new jobs program

By Katresase Stafford, Detroit Free Press 03/06/16 5:59 PM

Flint Mayor Karen Weaver and former first daughter Chelsea Clinton announced a new program Sunday -- the Flint WaterWorks initiative -- which will provide the city's youth with jobs to directly help families affected by the water crisis. Through the program, young adults will be given jobs distributing clean water, healthy food and nutrition information and services to families. They also will help make "Flint's water infrastructure safe," Weaver said, by aiding her Fast Start initiative to remove all lead and lead-tainted service lines in the city.

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